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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary dated August 22, 2003, we enclose herewith for filing in the above-referenced case the following:

1. Statement of the Substance of the August 21, 2003 Interview;
2. Prepaid Acknowledgment Postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. For this purpose, a duplicate of this sheet is enclosed. Applicants request any extensions of time necessary to respond.

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